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alone, whilst none of the others are in any way neglected or limited in space. One stands almost aghast at the idea of searching for any one of the numerous ramifications of the law upon Personal Representatives as contained in the decisions of our courts there given. And yet these decisions are so well classified, so carefully arranged and grouped, that almost any given question is speedily found, and when found all that has been said upon it is concisely, yet thoroughly, given, or so referred to as to be speedily ascertained. The same can be said of the other leading subjects, whilst the legal points of lesser dignity are treated in the same generous way. The value of the work grows with each volume, it is needless to say, and each one shows an increase in the desire of the compilers, editor and publishers to give the best work that can be given. We are glad to have the information that the other volumes of the series will soon be issued, so that the entire work will be in the hands of subscribers about the 1st of April, 1907.

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**American State Reports.** Volume 107. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco. 1906.

Undaunted by earthquake and fire, the loss of books, manuscripts and property, this undaunted house puts forth the one hundred and seventh volume of the invaluable State Reports. So well known and so widely circulated is this series, it looks like almost a work of supererogation to review each volume. The present one shows the unusual excellent selection of cases, and Mr. A. C. Freeman's annotations are in every way worthy of his past work. The notes upon Public Nuisances; upon the Waiver of Stipulations in Insurance Policies by Agents, etc.; upon Carriers of Passengers, Corporations, Wills, and Vendor and Purchaser, are complete, well arranged and written with the ability which is expected of the learned editor. These reports are no longer luxuries, but necessities.

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**Trial Tactics.** Transcript of a Series of Lectures Delivered in the Chicago Law School, by Andrew J. Hirschl, of the Chicago Bar. Author of "Combination of Corporations," and other books. Chicago, Ill. T. H. Flood & Co., Publishers. 1906. Cloth., \$2.50 net; postpaid, \$2.65.

Works of this character have heretofore been written almost exclusively by English authors. Harris's "Hints in Advocacy," the best one we recall, now out of print and addressed to English lawyers, whilst useful, always lacked an American outlook. Mr. Hirschl's book is therefore a pioneer, but blazes out a track in the wilderness which the young lawyer can follow with profit and the older one with pleasure. These lectures are entertaining to read, evincing a knowledge of advocacy evidently gained by long experience, and related so as to convey both by precept and example the best methods by which to prepare for and conduct the trial of a cause from start to finish. Of course the young practitioner must bring his knowledge of the pleading in his own state to bear upon the advice given. Then the advice as to demurring to a declaration given on page 46 would not only be misleading, but fatal in the jurisdiction of Virginia, though good and timely in Illinois. We can commend the book as alike useful and pleasant to read, and the generous type in which it is issued adds no little to the pleasure of its perusal.